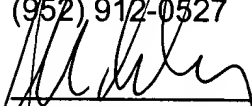


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control parameter to a third threshold (ADT) and sending a notification to the customer terminal when the value of the control parameter has reached said third threshold.

7. A method according to patent claim 1, characterized by using a control parameter which represents the amount of time that the customer has been in debt to the service provider.

8. A method according to patent claim 1, characterized by using a control parameter which represents the ratio of the duration during which the customer has been in debt to the service provider to the duration during which the customer has not been in debt to the service provider.

9. A method according to patent claim 1, characterized by

- maintaining a first and second control parameter,
- determining at least one threshold value for both control parameters so that one of the parameter-specific values represents a stop value,
- stopping the service when the value of either control parameter reaches the stop value corresponding to it.

10. A method according to patent claim 9, characterized in that the first control parameter represents the debt incurred by the customer and a second control parameter represents the amount of time that the customer has been in debt to the service provider.

11. A method according to patent claim 1, characterized by

- maintaining a first and second control parameter,
- determining a first threshold for the first control parameter and a second threshold for the second control parameter,
- changing the first threshold value when the value of the second control parameter exceeds the second threshold value, and
- stopping the service when the value of the first control parameter reaches the first threshold value.

12. (Amended) A method according to patent claim 1 [or 2], characterized by changing the price of the service on the basis of the value of a control parameter.

13. A method according to patent claim 12, characterized by changing the price of the service on the basis of the value of the control parameter which is used to stop the service.

14. A method according to patent claim 1, characterized by determining the value of the control parameter on the basis of the current service session only.

15. A method according to patent claim 1, characterized by storing data concerning the service session of the customer and using the data relating to at least one previous service session of the current customer when determining the value of the control parameter during the current service session.

16. (Amended) A method according to patent claim 1 [or 3], characterized by using timers to indicate when the value of a control parameter will reach a threshold value.

17. A method according to patent claim 1, characterized by

- calculating the value of the control parameter periodically at predetermined moments of time,
- storing the changes in the service price, which occur between two consecutive moments, and the moments of time corresponding to each change, and
- using the stored information when calculating the value of the control parameter.

18. A method according to patent claim 1, characterized by calculating the value of the control parameter periodically and also when the price of the service changes and when a payment is received.

19. A method according to patent claim 1 in a network where several information flows are transmitted to a customer, characterized by

- maintaining a control parameter and a threshold for each of the information flows, and
- stopping said information flows if the control parameter value of at least one of the information flows reaches the threshold corresponding to it.

20. A method according to patent claim 1 in a network where several information flows are transmitted to a customer, characterized by

- maintaining a control parameter and a threshold for each of the information flows, and
- stopping only a single information flow when the control parameter value of said flow reaches the corresponding threshold.

21. A method according to patent claim 1 in a network where one information flow is transmitted to several customers, characterized by

- maintaining customer-specific thresholds,
- maintaining customer group-specific thresholds, and
- choosing the values of said thresholds so that the information flow to the customer can be stopped before the information flow to the entire customer group is stopped.

